

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-75 are pending in the Application.

Claims 1-17 are presented for prosecution at this time.

Claims 4, 5 and 8-17 are amended to remove multiple claim dependencies.

Claims 1-75 have been subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Specifically the Office Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

**Group I**      Claims 1-17 drawn to a method of data processing, namely, managing and modifying software components, classified in class 717, subclass 120.

**Group II**      Claims 18-38 and 70-75 drawn to license management of software, classified in class 705, subclass 59.

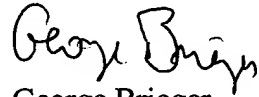
**Group III**      Claims 39-69 drawn to execution control software access control based on user ID, classified in class 713, and subclass 183.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I, II and III are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicant provisionally elects for prosecution at this time the subject matter of Group I, presented by claims 1-17. However Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this Application.

For at least the reasons set forth in the foregoing discussion, Applicant believes that the Application is now allowable, and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and allow the Application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or regarding the Application generally, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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